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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND
COMMERCE OFFICIALS: BAKERY INDUSTRY

1. SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON THE BAKERY INDUSTRY ESTABLISHED WITHIN MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING VISITS TO GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO STUDY U.S. BAKERY INDUSTRY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE USDOC ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP THIS VISIT AND COORDINATING WITH OTHER AGENCIES AS APPROPRIATE.

2. SPECIFICALLY, COMMISSION IS INTERESTED IN SANITATION, QUALITY CONTROL, CONDITIONS OF WORK, TECHNOLOGY AND TRAINING. THEY WISH TO VISIT EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS, FUNCTIONING BAKERIES, TRAINING SCHOOLS AND FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

3. LARGEST TRINIDADIAN MILLS CONSUME ABOUT 40,000 BBLS OF FLOUR PER YEAR, IN DISCONTINUOUS OPERATION. COMMISSION IS INTERESTED IN MODERN TECHNOLOGY GEARED TO THIS SIZE OF OPERATION, AND PLANTS VISITED SHOULD IF POSSIBLE BE ABOUT THIS SIZE.

4. TRAINING SCHOOLS TO BE VISITED MIGHT INCLUDE TECHNICAL SCHOOLS OPERATED BY MUNICIPAL OR STATE GOVERNMENTS, FEDERAL JOB-TRAINING PROGRAMS IF ANY IN THIS FIELD, AND UNION APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.
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5. BECAUSE MINISTRY MUST GET CABINET APPROVAL OF THIS VISIT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY INTERIM REPLY INDICATING WHETHER USDOC CAN ASSIST AND IF SO, SUGGESTED ITINERARY. DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT LATER. GOTT WILL FUND VISIT, WHICH IS TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR MARCH.

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